

Mr. Gale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish a road in Somerset county, to lead from the Bear Swamp road, till it in effect is the road from King's Branch to Princels-Anne; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. F. Bowie, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, appointed to consider the petition of Simon Nicholls, of Montgomery county, beg leave to report, That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, on his giving good and sufficient security to exonerate and discharge the original sureties from the bonds entered into by them to the state; and that so much of the law as deprived the petitioner of the power of collecting be repealed, and full power restored to him of finishing the collection. Your committee, having conferred with Alexander Catlett, to whom the collection of the tax for the year 1782 was given by an act passed the last session of assembly, and having been informed by him, that he had received near seventeen hundred pounds specie, are of opinion, that before the collection is transferred to the petitioner, the money so received as above should be paid into the treasury. Your committee also beg leave to suggest, that on the petitioner's complying with the terms above mentioned, the present collector, Alexander Catlett, (the only person interested) will agree to a restoration of the power of collection to the petitioner. Your committee are of opinion, that on the said Simon Nicholls being vested with the powers of collection, an indulgence of one year ought to be granted to him to finish the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Page, of Kent county, was read the second time and concurred with.

A petition from Robert Amos, late collector of Harford county, praying a further time for the collection of the tax in said county for the years 1783 and 1784; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. James Bond, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Wheeler, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to suspend the operation of several acts of assembly, as far as they relate to the granting and appropriating public money to the use of the university of Maryland, and to apply the same to the exigences of government for a limited time in case of our taxes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from the visitors and governors of Washington college, praying that the bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to provide a permanent fund for the further encouragement and establishment of Washington college, may be rejected on a first reading, or that they may be heard by counsel at the bar of the house; was preferred and read.

On the second reading of the memorial of the visitors and governors of Washington college, and the several proposed resolutions respecting the preservation of the public faith. ORDERED, That the printer to the state do immediately print one hundred and fifty copies of the said memorial and resolutions, for the use of the several members of the legislature.

ORDERED, That this house will, on Monday next, take the said memorial and proposed resolutions into consideration.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from the rector, governors, trustees, and visitors, of King William school, praying that they may be enabled to apply the funds belonging to said school to the use of St. John's college, and to convey the same to the visitors and governors of the said college; a letter from Messrs. Vanstaphorsts to his excellency the governor, of the 10th of July 1785; a letter from Samuel Osgood and William Livingston, Esquires, dated, board of treasury, December 3, 1785, to his excellency the governor, together with a statement of the accounts of the several states with the United States, so far as they relate to the several requisitions for money and specific supplies; a letter of the 16th November 1785, from his excellency the president of the state of New Hampshire to his excellency the governor, together with a vote passed by the legislature of that state, November 9, 1785, and an act of the said state for the regulation of navigation and commerce; and also a petition from sundry inhabitants of the western part of Washington county, praying a division of the said county; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 19, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The report on the petition of Abraham Britten was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The report on the petition of Jesse Suit, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

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